

*scoparium* Leib., and the sub-shrub *Leutkea pectinata* (Pursh) Kuntze. Mixed with the *Vaccinium* is the Serrian *Leucothoe davisiae* Torr. The rare to California *Gaultheria humifusa* (Graham) Rydb. was found near the Little Duck Lake stand of *A. lasiocarpa*. Interesting herbs include the "uncommon" *Mitella pentandra* Hook. and *Cypripedium fasciculatum* Kell. A complete study of the vascular plant flora of this area is planned by us for the 1969 field season.

Specimens of *A. lasiocarpa* are in the following herbaria: HSC, JEPS, and the Klamath National Forest Herbarium, Yreka.

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#### REVIEWS

*The Plant Hunters.* By TYLER WHITTLE. xii + 283 pp., illustrated. Chilton Book Co., 401 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn. 19106. 1970. \$8.95.

The subtitle of this book sums up its contents very well: "being an examination of collecting with an account of the careers & the methods of a number of those who have searched the world for wild plants." Starting with Queen Hatshepsut and continuing into the 20th Century the author of this very interesting and eminently readable book has detailed the story of the men and women who went around the world looking for plants, sometimes for medical reasons, sometimes in search of ornamentals, sometimes to find spices, and sometimes to advance the knowledge of the kinds of plants. The whole world is covered, hence no one geographical area has received exhaustive treatment: nor in a book of this kind would one want it.

The vistas and unspoiled plant communities of the past are often no longer with us. It makes one rather depressed to realize what man has done and is continuing to do to his surroundings, especially in decreasing the diversity of living things. Perhaps one of the great services of this book, especially to young readers, will be to install in them a sense of curiosity about and interest in plants, for after all, there is little motivation to preserve that about which one knows nothing or in which one has no interest.—JOHN H. THOMAS, Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford University.